

Preliminary amendment
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REMARKS

The parent application having serial number 09/545,486 was restricted into two groups consisting of claims 1-11, 15 and 12-14, 16-26. Applicant elected group I having claims 1-11 and 15 for prosecution. The parent application was allowed on 8/11/2003. The present divisional is directed to the non-elected claims of the parent application. Claims 12-14 and 16-26 were the claims of group II according to the restriction requirement. Currently, please cancel claims 12-14 and 16-26 without prejudice to their presentation in other applications. New claims 27-48 have been added. Support for these claims can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

IX. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that these preliminary amendments be entered and the resultant divisional be examined on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (619) 685-1708 if there are any questions regarding Applicants' claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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